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42. (New) A picket fence and rail mounting system, comprising:

a rail, the rail having

a first surface containing therein a slot; and

a hollow interior portion; and

a decorative insert having a mounting portion configured to slidably fit within the interior and extend through the rail slot, and a decorative portion positioned outside the rail and configured to provide an aesthetic design.

### REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. Claims 38-42 have been added to further encompass Applicant's invention.

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Respectfully submitted,

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